

Subject is often confused with his younger brother, MAEDA Tadashi (Sei)(Kiyoshi) who was also an Admiral in the Imperial Japanese Navy

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MAEDA MINORU  
(0467/3944/4457)

Chief, BOEI MONDAI KENKYUJO  
(Defense Problems Research Institute), an  
organization funded by the Cabinet Research  
Chamber, CRC - Member Defense Section, CRC - Section

February 1893

Kagoshima Prefecture

1913 - Graduated from the Naval Academy and by the end of World War II had risen to the rank of Vice Admiral

A recognized expert on the USSR, he served two terms in Moscow as Naval Attache (1933 and 1938). He also served in China and was at one time connected with the Formosa Fleet. His name came up in late 1950 in connection with the MARUYOSHI MARU case involving the smuggling of Japanese to Formosa for service with the Chinese Nationalists. In the spring of 1952, MAEDA visited Formosa ostensibly for the purpose of making surveys preparatory to the salvage of Japanese ships sunk in Formosan waters. Actually, MAEDA spent most of his time establishing contact with the Chinat Ministry of National Defense to get Nationalist support for a secret intelligence organ to be run in Japan. Upon his return to Japan, MAEDA reportedly told the CRC and others that he had obtained a large sum of money for this purpose. Since 1952, MAEDA has been connected  
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1. Member of Defense Section of CRC. (I-5315, DRESCHER, 11 December 1957)

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MAEDA Minoru (Cont'd)

Previous Career: with the CRC in an advisory capacity and, most recently, has served as a member of the CRC Military Affairs team. During 1955-56, MAEDA's research Institute BOKI MONDAI KENKYUJO (Defense Problems Research Institute) also called MAEDA KENKYUJO (MAEDA Research Institute) shared a ¥ 4,000,000 allocation from the CRC budget with 5 other organizations under the Category "concerning Southeast Asia"; during 1956-57 the organization was allocated ¥ 500,000, but actually received ¥ 980,000; in 1957-58 they were allocated ¥ 980,00 again.

NOTE: More extensive information on MAEDA Minoru is available in the ☐ Station files.